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S E C R E T STATE 077884

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EC, SA, IS, US

SUBJECT: TIMING OF SUBMITTING MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT
PACKAGE

1. AS YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE AWARE, IN ANNOUNCING AIR-
CRAFT SALE PACKAGE ON FEBRUARY 14 ADMINISTRATION INDICATED
THAT FORMAL SUBMISSION WOULD TAKE PLACE (ON UNSPECIFIED
DATE) AFTER CONGRESS RETURNED FROM EASTER RECESS APRIL 3.
AT THE TIME OF ANNOUNCEMENT IT WAS HOPED THAT SENATE
VOTE ON PANAMA CANAL TREATIES WOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO
EASTER RECESS. THIS HAS, HOWEVER, NOT BEEN THE CASE AND
MAJORITY LEADER BYRD HAS NOW INDICATED VOTE ON SECOND
PANAMA CANAL TREATY WILL TAKE PLACE NOT LATER THAN APRIL
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